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Title: Need to establish a Maritime University in Gujarat.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): Government of India is considering to establish a full-fledged Maritime Institute in east coast. After taking into consideration the various factors for locating a Maritime University, action for setting up an Indian Maritime University at Chennai with regional campuses at Kolkata, Mumbai and Visakhapatnam as announced by the Hon'ble Minister of Finance during his budget speech, is under way.

As you are aware that Gujarat State is having longest coastline of about 1600 kms as compared to other Maritime States of the country and keeping in view the large scale port land development and shipping activities taking place on the west coastline, the Gujarat State is the best choice to establish marine institute.

A Maritime Academy on east coast at Chennai was established by the Government of India. The people of State of Gujarat have also a dream to establish a similar academy or campus as of Chennai Academy in their State for which the Government of Gujarat is prepared to provide all necessary support and assistance.

Sir, to fulfill the dream of the people of Gujarat, I would request the Central Government through your goodself to get the proposal considered favourably and expeditiously.